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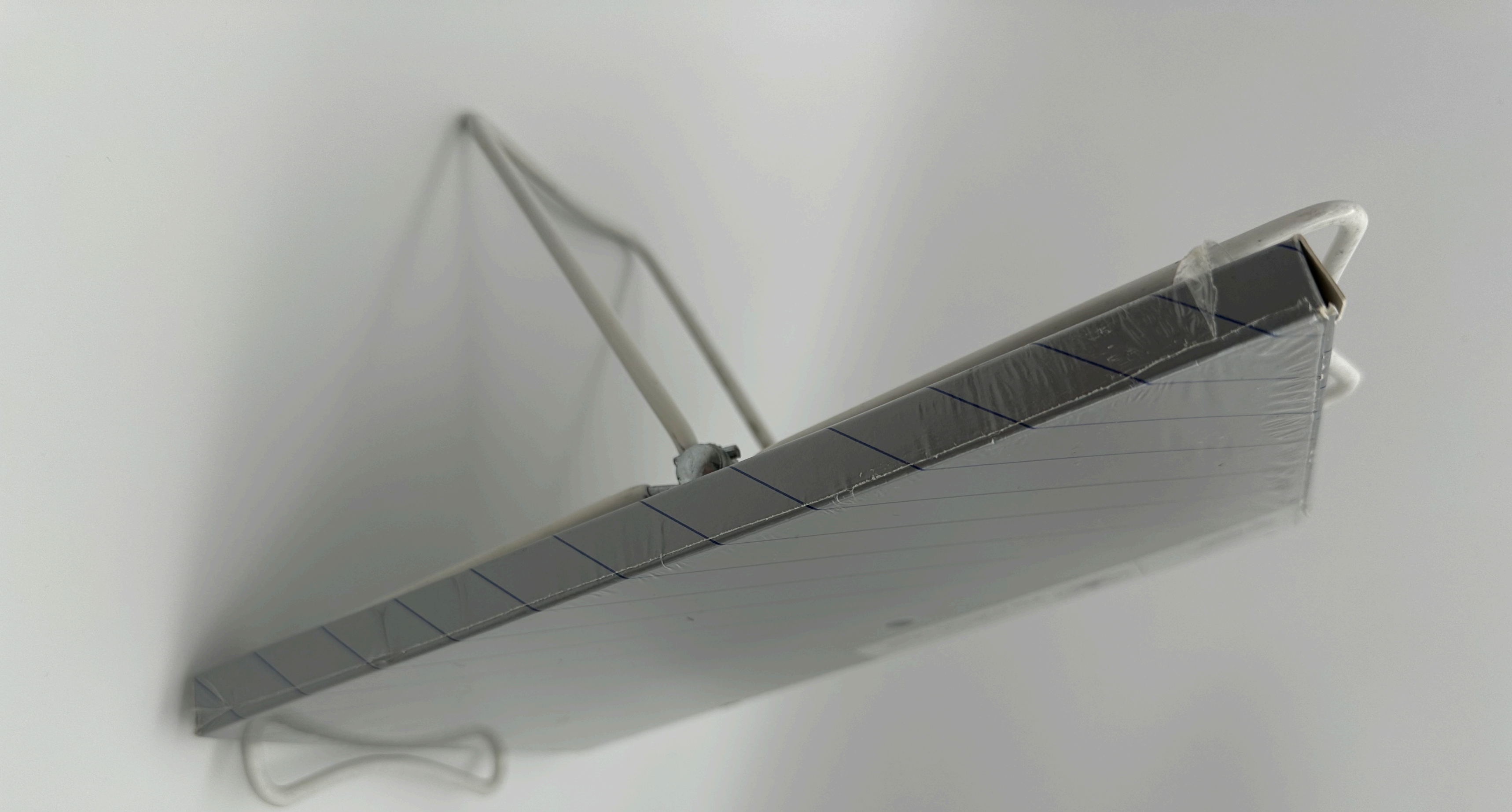

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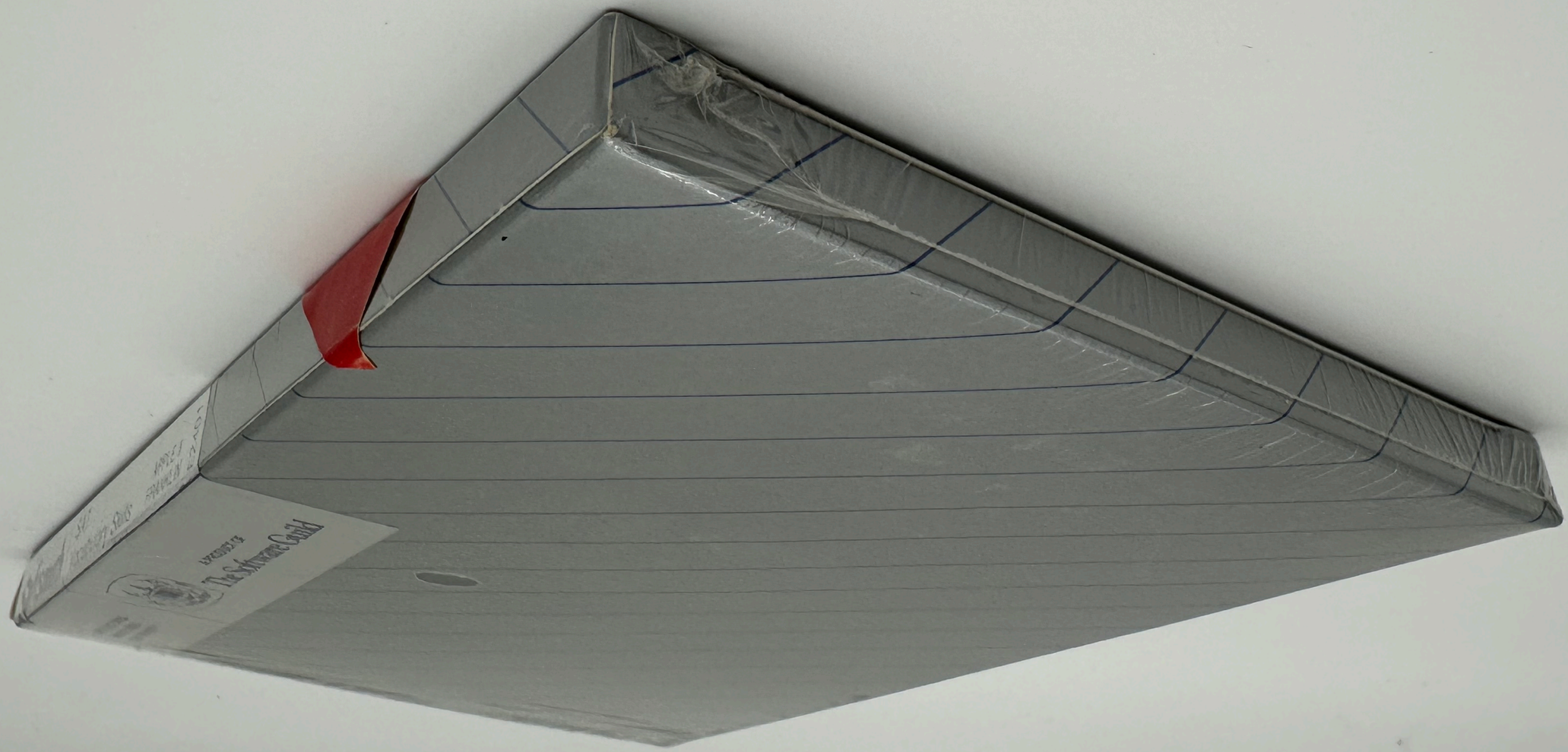
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INPUTS AND OUTPUTS

While running the program, the computer will be presenting a variety of information, prompts and messages to you on the screen. In this manual such outputs will be presented in boldface italics:

(sample output)

Enter your name

Inputs are entries which you type into the computer. In this manual inputs are presented in one of two ways:

individual console keys — <RETURN>, <3>, <P>
everything else — *RUN, 09/12/82, Roger*

Note: The <CTRL> key operates like the shift key on a regular typewriter. If you are told to enter <CTRL-P>, just press <P> while holding the <CTRL> key down.

IMPORTANT TIPS

Handle your diskettes carefully, and store them in their special jackets when not in use.

Do make sure the shift lock light is lit if running this program on the Franklin Ace. This program recognizes only capital letters.

Do not press <CTRL-C> while the program is running. Results are unpredictable and damage to your program may result.

Do not open the disk drive door while the "in-use" light is on. This may damage your diskette and render it unusable.

Do not try to make a copy of this disk. If during normal use something goes wrong with your diskette, please refer to the Troubleshooting section of this manual.

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GETTING STARTED

To get started with SAT/PSAT simply follow these steps (this is called "booting"):

1. Make sure the power switch on the rear left of the computer is in the off position.

2. Open the disk drive door by pulling out and up on its bottom edge. Slip the diskette into drive #1 with your right thumb on the diskette's label. (The label will be up and will be the last edge of the diskette to enter the drive.)

3. When the diskette is entirely in the drive, close the drive door.

4. Turn the power switch to the on position. You will hear a "beep" from the computer and the "in-use" light on the disk drive will come on. This means that the program is loading.

The Softsmith logo page and SAT/PSAT title page will now appear. If they don't, please turn your computer off briefly, and then on again.

When the question ***Do you need help using this tutorial?*** appears, enter <Y> for a detailed introduction.

II. Using Vocabulary Skills

This chapter explains Vocabulary Skills in more detail. The first section provides some suggestions on using the program to maximize your learning. In the next section we discuss some of the more common pitfalls encountered in taking both the PSAT and SAT.

USEFUL SUGGESTIONS

Follow the Right Sequence.

Vocabulary Skills is cumulative. That is, words introduced in earlier lessons may be presented as possible answers later in the program. For instance, the vocabulary word "dissonance" is presented in PSAT Roots Lesson 1. It is also one of the answer choices for "euphony" in PSAT Roots Lesson 1.

Whether you are studying for the PSAT or the SAT, start with PSAT Prefixes, if possible, and go through the lessons in order. The ideal sequence of instruction is: PSAT Prefixes; PSAT Roots; SAT Prefixes; SAT Roots. Although preferred, this sequence is not necessary for successful use of the program (you may purchase only the SAT package, or only the PSAT package).

Do the Introductory Session First.

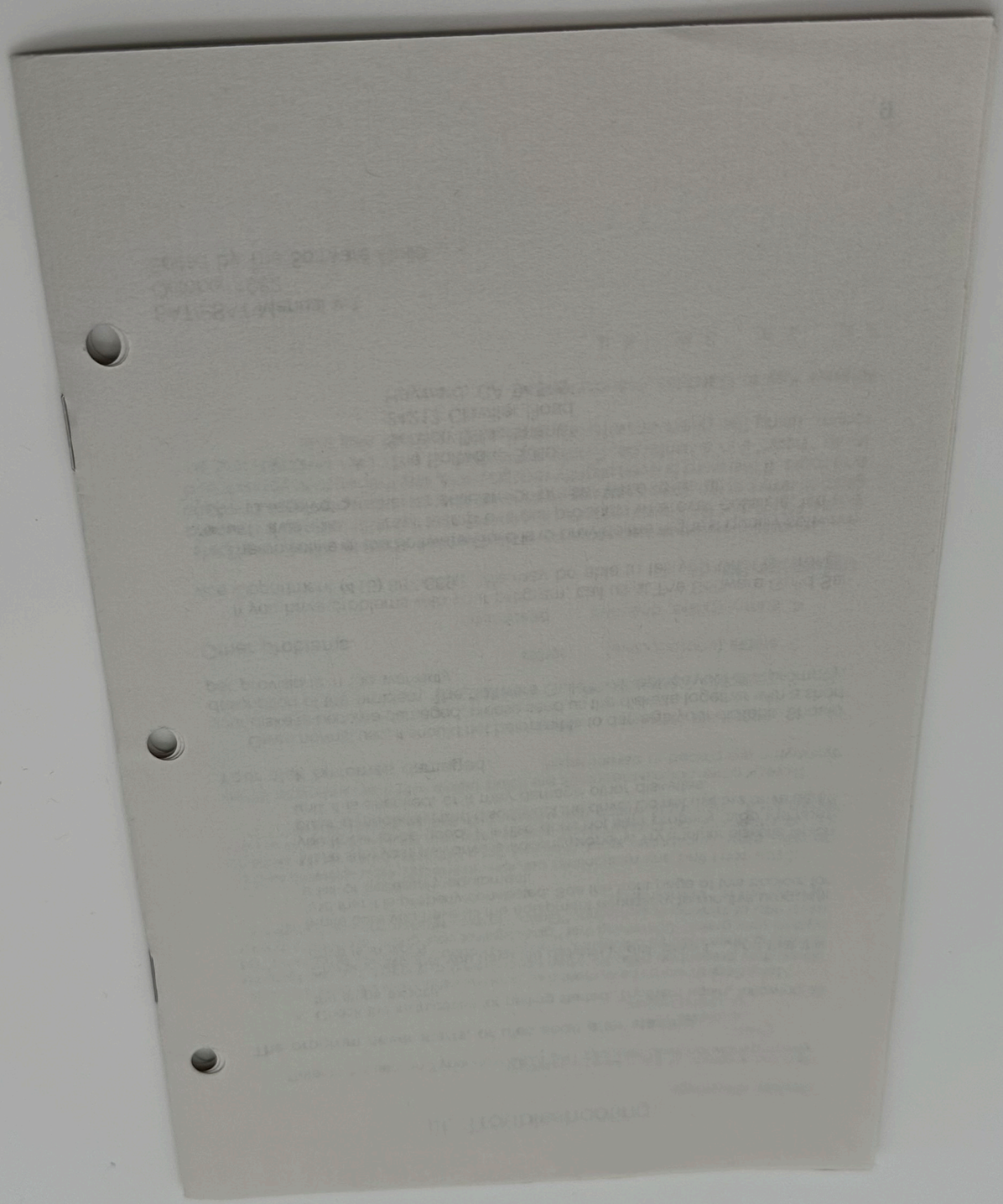
Once you have booted the disk, Vocabulary Skills will give you specific operating instructions. First you must choose whether to have sound effects. Next the program will ask whether you need help in using the lesson. Pressing the <Y> key will introduce you to the way Vocabulary Skills works and will preview some of its general lesson contents. If you have not already done this, do so now.

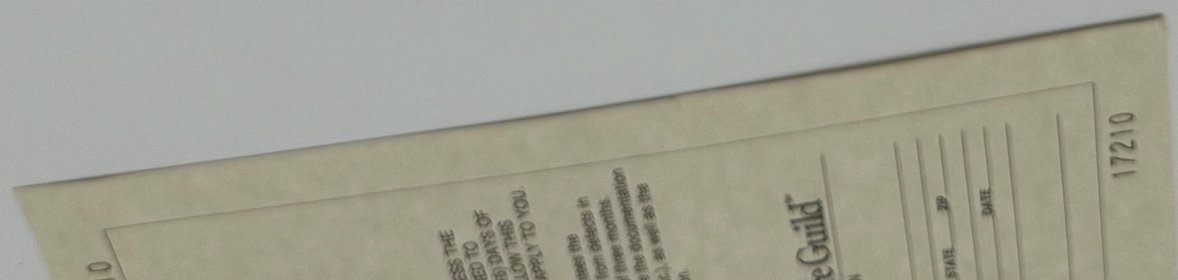
Study the Word-Analysis Presentation.

Underneath the menu or word list of each lesson will be a word-analysis presentation. Here, the various prefixes or roots used in that lesson are identified and explained. "Clue words," can be useful in jogging your memory. For instance, the word "ferry" can serve as a reminder that the root "fer" means "bring." Knowledge of this root will help you to figure out vocabulary words such as "afferent" (bringing toward).

Select Synonyms for Each Lesson.

Your first task is to clarify the meanings of the vocabulary words. The most efficient way to accomplish this is to select synonyms.

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